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Civic body allocates Rs 15 crore to draw up detailed project report for rejuvenation of Madiwala Lake

WATERBODY BUILDER

Lake handed over to BBMP 2 months ago

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One of the oldest waterbodies in Bengaluru, the Madiwala Lake, has become synonymous with civic apathy in the maintenance of waterbodies.

Now, the Palike is gearing up for the rejuvenation of Madiwala Lake.

Two months after the lake was handed over to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike by the Karnataka Forest Department, the Palike's lake division allocated Rs 15 crore for the waterbody's revival. As the first step, the BBMP floated a tender for preparing the detailed project report.

The DPR will include a feasibility report. The winning bidder will have to carry out a scientific survey of the lake and a joint inspection along with BBMP officials to identify the sources of pollution.

'The lake is polluted by the discharge of sewage

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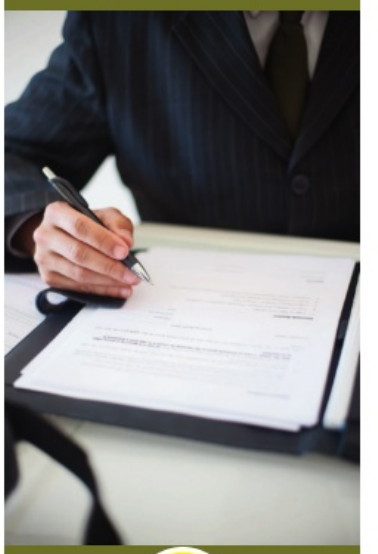
"The lake needs sluice gates to prevent flooding; years of sewage inflow call for desludging — Ram Prasad, lake activist

Dirty deeds

8 years for FIR on registration lapse



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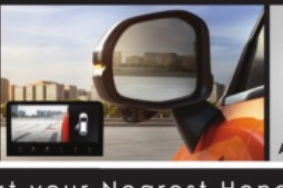

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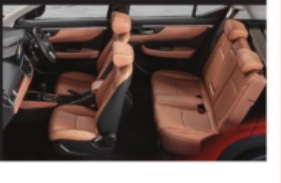

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Sankranti special

This festive season, don't miss the chance to attend Kathak Sankranti Sambhram, which is going to be a mesmerising culmination of choreographic brilliance by Hari and Chethana. This celebration intricately weaves together the elements of nritta, nritya, and abhinaya, showcasing the pure dance essence and expressive storytelling within the Kathak repertoire.
Where: Media Auditorium, Koramangala
When: January 15; 6:30 pm

02 Crafty day

The Grand Rajasthani Exhibition is back in town with the latest collection of artistic goodies. The exhibition-cum sale has been organised by Maaruthi Enterprises. You can explore a range of handicrafts, including Odisha tie and dye, handlooms, jewellery, gems, bed rugs from Uttar Pradesh, Kalamkari sarees, earrings, kurtas, and more. **Where: Sri Someshwara Sabha Bhavana, RBI Layout, CA03, Kothnur Main Road, JP Nagar 7th Phase; When: until January 10; 10am to 9 pm**

03 Book launch

Attend the book launch by Dr Latha, who has been a practicing paediatric surgeon for twenty years now. Her book, Ripples, is a collection of short stories and a work of fiction. The stories are all different in their content but end up with a twist. **Where: Atta Galatta, 178, 5th Main, 9th Cross, 1st Stage Indiranagar**
When: Today, 5 pm

Wildlife relics: Not for personal possession

Government decides to permit individuals with wildlife artefacts to return them within three-month period; illegal holdings include tiger claw, elephant tusk, deer horn, and more

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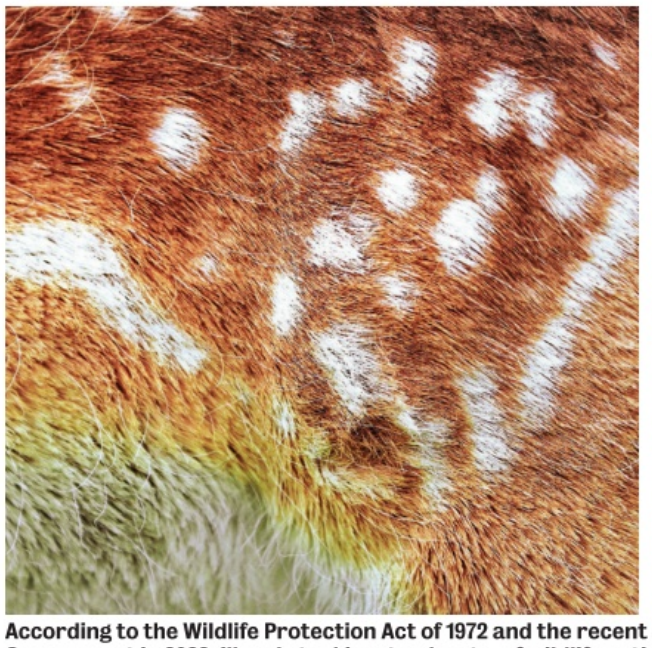

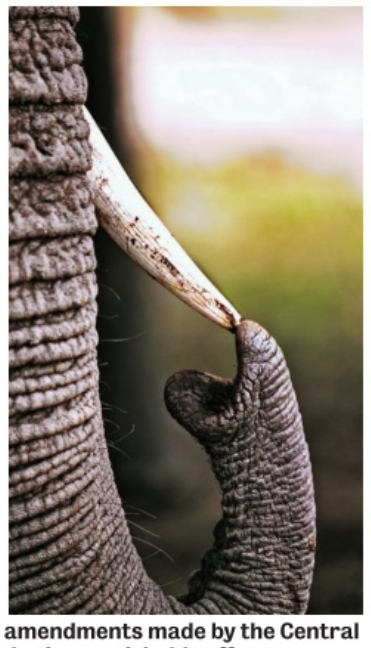

According to the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 and the recent amendments made by the Central Government in 2022, illegal stocking, trade, etc. of wildlife articles is a punishable offence

The window to surrender wildlife items will soon be opened. In the cabinet meeting held on Friday, the Karnataka government finally agreed to provide people who are in illegal possession of wildlife articles with an opportunity to not get booked under the Wildlife Act for illegal possession of these items. The government has given a three-month window to return these artefacts after the proposal was approved by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

According to the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 and the recent amendments made by the Central Government in 2022, illegal stocking, trade, etc. of wildlife articles is a punishable offence. A similar 30-day window was opened under Wildlife (Conservation) (Karnataka Rules) in 1973 for 30 days and then again in 2003 for 180 days to obtain a certificate of possession of wildlife items.

A notification in this regard will be issued by the government soon, and an outline for the process will be prepared. During the next three months, those who did not obtain ownership certificates in 1973 and 2003 will have to surrender the wildlife artefact in their possession. These include tiger claw, elephant tail ring, deer horn, elephant tusk, tiger, deerskin, bison horn, lion,

leopard, deer, wildebeest, bison, and elephant. Any wildlife trophies, decorative items made of elephant ivory, etc. Those who have obtained such certificates are still allowed to keep such items.

The opportunity is being provided as many times as people own these items but are unaware that it is a punishable offence. People also keep or wear wildlife articles as pieces of jewellery due to certain beliefs and superstitions. All such possessions will be considered illegal, and action will be taken after the expiration of a three-month window from the date of the announcement.

> **"Anyone found in possession of or involved in the trade of wildlife products after the expiry of this period will be prosecuted**
> –Eshwar Khandre

"Any person found in possession of or involved in the trade of wildlife products after the expiry of this period will be prosecuted under the Wildlife Protection Act," said Karnataka Forest, Environment, and Ecology Minister Eshwar Khandre. According to sources from the Forest, Environment and Ecology Department of Karnataka, the date of the opening of the window, along with other details such as the procedure to surrender the artefacts, will be announced on January 9 (Tuesday).

HC fines school ₹1 L for disrupting students' classes

The High Court of Karnataka has imposed a cost of Rs one lakh on a Bengaluru school for not allowing over 50 students to attend classes for not submitting an undertaking and paying a fine of Rs 10,000 for having "indulged in behaviour that goes against the ethos of the school."

The Division Bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Krishan S Dixit said on Friday that it was not concerned with whether such a demand made by the school was proper or not, but it was worried that class nine students were not allowed to attend classes. "In the present schooling pattern, ninth class is important as it is a year before Class 10, a major stage," the Court said.

The Division Bench was hearing a civil contempt of court filed by the father of one of the students of the Brigade School in Brigade Gateway Enclave, Malleswaram. The parent had filed a petition on December 4,

> **HC was informed that more 50 other students were also not allowed to attend classes**

2023, stating that the school had issued a communication on November 22, 2023, alleging that his daughter was indulging in behaviour that went against the ethos of the school and, without concluding an inquiry, imposed

a fine of Rs 10,000 "failing which serious consequences follow."

The petition claimed that "the respondents are insisting the petitioner pay a fine, failing which the respondents will not allow the daughter to attend classes." The single judge bench, in its interim order on December 6, stayed the operation of the school's notice and directed it to permit the student to attend classes. On December 22, the parent again approached the HC with a contempt petition stating that the school, despite the order, was not allowing his daughter to attend classes. The court was informed that more than 50 other students were also similarly not allowed to attend classes. The counsel for the school submitted that the student was allowed to attend classes after the court order was received by it on December 14. However, considering that uncertainty was created and the schooling of the children was affected, the HC imposed a cost of Rs 1 lakh on the school, which is to be payable to the CM's Relief Fund within two weeks. **– PTI**

It took 8 years for FIR on registration lapse

Flat owner executes deed of declaration against norms and despite complaint, no one acted on it so far

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If the first information report (FIR) registered at Kengeri Police Station is anything to go by, it seems anyone can register anything at sub-registrar offices in the city. Ironically, the FIR is registered by Kengeri Police based on a complaint lodged by the Senior Sub-Registrar of Kengeri. And what is more, the FIR has been registered, eight years after the said crime took place.

Kengeri Police have registered the FIR against Ganapati and others under the Sections 82 and 83 of the Karnataka Registration Act 1908. The Section 82 of the Karnataka Registration Act 1908 states the penalty for making false statements, delivering false copies or translations, false personation, and abetment.

It is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years, or with fine, or with both. Section 83 indicates that a prosecution for any offence under this Act that comes to the knowledge of a registering officer in his official capacity may be commenced by or with the permission of the Inspector General.

It is not clear what the Sub-Registrar was doing during the last eight years.

According to the complaint lodged by Senior Sub-Registrar YH Venkatesh, a Deed of Declaration was executed by Ganapati Hegde, one of the flat owners, against the norms.

The Deed of Declaration was registered on October 16, 2015. Surprisingly, no one at the Sub-Registrar Office at Kengeri noticed that Hegde is not authorised to execute a Deed of Declaration pertaining to Kailash Apartment Complex developed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) at Kengeri.

There are around 300 residential flats at the apartment complex. The Senior Sub-Registrar in his complaint to the police stated that Ravikumar KS, one of the flat owners, lodged a complaint with him about the violation of the Section 13(2) of the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972.

As per the Section 13(2) of the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972, the BDA is authorised to register the Deed of Declaration before commencing the sale of flats. As per the Act, the Deed of Declarations is to be made by the sole owner or all owners for submitting their property to the provisions of the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972.

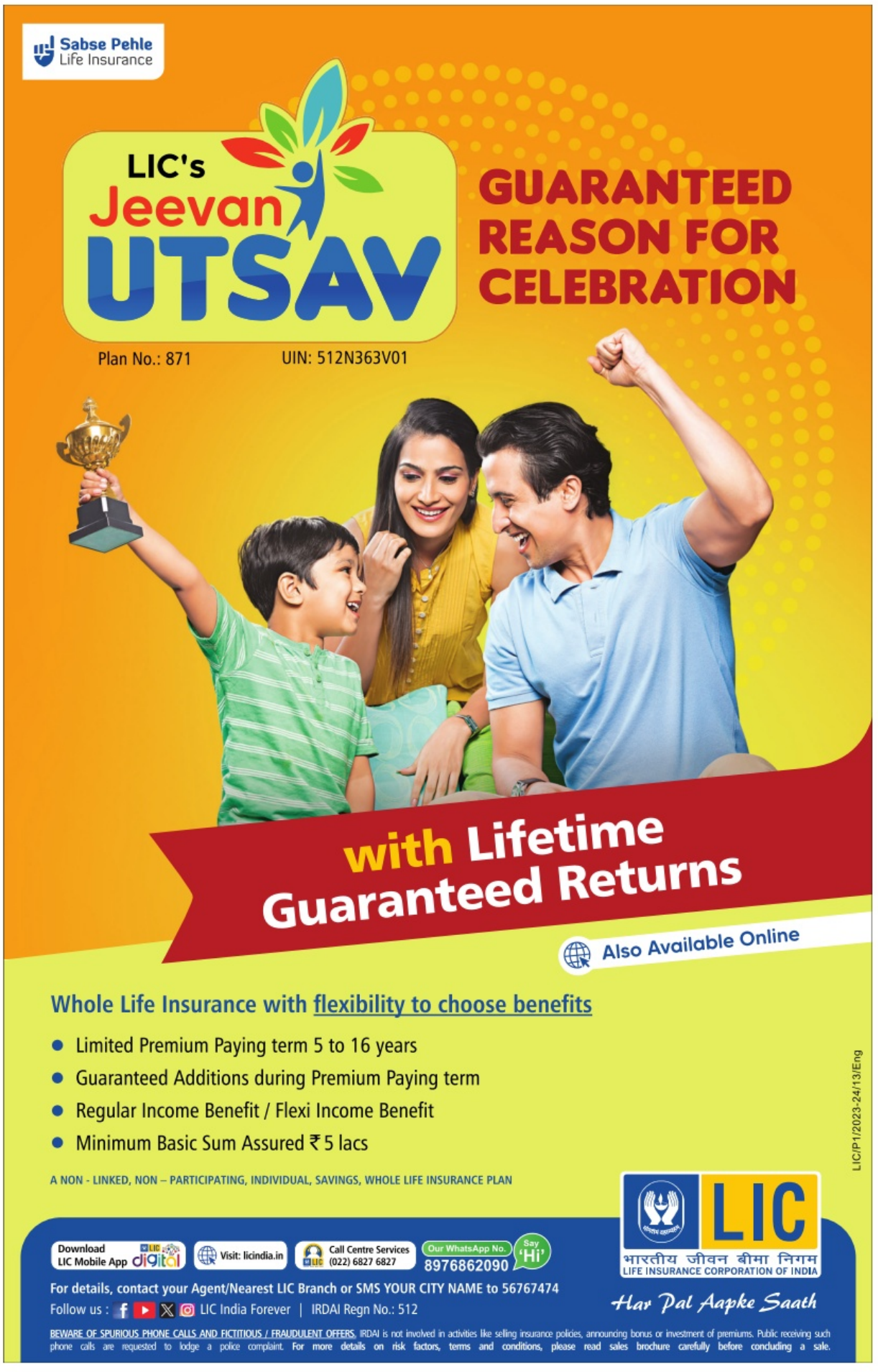
The Deed of Declaration is an official property document giving detailed information about real estate such as the type of land to the total area of construction. It also provides information for property evaluation.

It offers intricate investment details to property buyers and helps resolve ownership disputes.

"This is the first FIR registered against the violation of Deed of Declaration 50 years after the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act came into effect. The flat owners have no role to register the Deed of Declaration. It is the responsibility of the BDA to register the Deed of Declaration.

In this case, Ganapati Hegde, a GPA holder, registered the Deed of Declaration in favour of some of the flat owners. It is against norms," said Ravikumar.

The shocking news is that Kengeri Police took three months to register the FIR. The Senior Sub-Registrar gave a written complaint to Kengeri Police on October 13, 2023. Finally, the FIR was registered on January 2, 2024.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Civic bodies' effort to curb illegal water links

BWSSB starts process of asking consumers to link their Property Identification and Revenue Register numbers to tackle unauthorised water connections; tariff revision too on cards

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TK Halli pumping station is one of the three pumping stations from which water is sourced and pumped into Bengaluru City

While the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) relies on Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) to authenticate illegal property tax payments, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is leveraging BBMP documents to identify unauthorised water connections. Individuals are now receiving messages from BWSSB urging them to, "To enable ease of doing business/property transactions, update Property Identification (PID) number against BWSSB Revenue Register (RR) number. Please treat this as a priority."

A senior BWSSB official said, "We are reaching out to all consumers in every sub-division, instructing our engineers to expedite the linking process. However, there is no set deadline for this." A pilot project, which involved linking PID and BWSSB RR numbers, commenced in Malleswaram in 2015. Data from the pilot project revealed that out of 26,000 consumers, 23,000 had successfully linked their PID and RR numbers. Due to the success of this project, a decision was made to extend it across the city. The linking of PID numbers should have begun three years ago throughout the city, but due to the impact of Covid-19, the process faced delays. Now, with approval from the urban development department, BWSSB has initiated this project.

"With this linking process, we will gain accurate insights into the number of properties and how many of them have water connections. It will help in curbing illegal water connections and establish a database for future expansion," explained an official. This linking process will be extended to apartment dwellers, requiring them to choose high-rise properties during the linking process. Apartment residents must opt for either PID or revenue payment documents in this process.

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However, in addition to addressing illegal connections, BWSSB faces the imperative of enhancing revenue. This is why the board is actively engaging with the government to seek an increase in water tariffs. Officials have reported a significant surge of Rs 10 crore in the monthly power bill for BWSSB. Currently, water is sourced and pumped to the city from TK Halli, Harohalli, and Tataguni pumping stations. Previously, the power bill stood at approximately Rs 78 crore, but an additional Rs 10 crore is now deemed necessary.

A BWSSB official stated, "We supply Cauvery water to 10.5 lakh houses in Bengaluru City, generating a revenue of Rs 110 crore through water bills. However, the power bills have surged from approximately Rs 88 crore to Rs 90 crore, leaving us with the majority of expenses dedicated solely to power bills. We are now concerned about how we will manage to pay salaries and perform regular maintenance with such limited funds." Consequently, the only recourse for the BWSSB is to increase the water tariff, although this has faced opposition from various quarters. A senior BWSSB official said, "We are yet to present a revised proposal to the government, seeking a tariff revision. We are currently deliberating on the fact that raising the water tariff is the only viable alternative due to increased input costs. A decision will be made soon."

According to regulations, officials have the provision to revise the tariff once every three years. However, there has been no tariff hike since 2014. Initially, the proposals were rejected by the government, and then the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic further delayed any potential increases.

DPR for Madiwala Lake revival

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and other waste water. The stormwater carries urban litter, plastics and other solid wastes into the lake. Lake development works shall therefore provide for necessary preventive/control measures against the pollution of the lake by sewage and other waste waters, sediment (silt, sand, grit, etc.), discharge of urban litter, plastics and other solid wastes transported into the lake,' said the BBMP tender.

The feasibility report will capture catchment area, maximum water spread area of the lake, shoreline length concerning FTL, average depth and the maximum depth, full tank level (FTL), maximum water level (MWL), main tank bund level, volume of the lake at FTL, length of overflow weir and maximum flood discharge (MFD), physical status and environmental status of watershed and so forth.

It will also gather and study water samples, undertake water analysis, survey and record physical status of main tank bund, ring bunds if any, surplus weir, sluice gates, inlet drains, outlet drains and any other form of outlets. As part of the DPR, service providers will have to carry out studies to identify point sources of pollution, nonpoint sources of pollution, nutrients released from the lake's sediment bed, algal and fish species present in the lake.

Additionally, measures needed to stop the inflow of pollutants into the lake will be identified under best management practices for the watershed of the lake — that include arresting the flow of sediments transported, urban litter transported by stormwater discharge, point source pollution by streams of sewage, sullage and other waste waters, control of nonpoint source pollution (biochemical oxygen demand [BOD], nutrients — nitrogen and phosphorous) by stormwater discharge and nutrient release from lake sediment bed. According to BBMP officials, additional development of parks and recreational works adjacent to the lake will be decided after drawing up the DPR. In October, three lakes — Madiwala, Nagawara and Hebbal —were transferred by the Karnataka Forest Department to the BBMP as per an order issued by the Urban Development Department. From 2019 to 2022, Madiwala Lake was in the custody of the BBMP before Karnataka Forest Department took over its administration.

In May 2023, nearly 300 fish were found dead at the lake in a fish-kill, raising serious concerns about pollution. "The park is not well-maintained; permission for boating has been revoked. Sewage is entering the lake through the rajakaluve. In the last 25 years, the lake has not been de-silted. The lake is hardly able to hold any water as a result," said Naveen, a lake volunteer.

Madiwala Lake spread over 253.38 acres was rejuvenated in 2018. In 2022, the state government allocated a special grant of Rs 120 crore for the development of Madiwala and Yele Mallappa Shetty lakes. Lake activist Ram Prasad told BM that the waterbody experiences reduced water holding capacity and high sewage inflow.

"The major problems are sewage inflow and reduced water holding capacity at this flood mitigation lake; reduced water holding capacity leads to overflowing of water into BTM Layout. The lake needs sluice gates to prevent flooding; years of sewage inflow call for desludging," he added.

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Unattended pole
Sankey Tank

An electrical pole has been lying on the walking track of Sankey Lake for the past year. A senior citizen walking by can easily trip over, and major injury can happen.

Dirty market
KR Puram

BBMP has failed to keep the KR Puram market clean while ironically the BBMP office is nearby.

Abandoned vehicle
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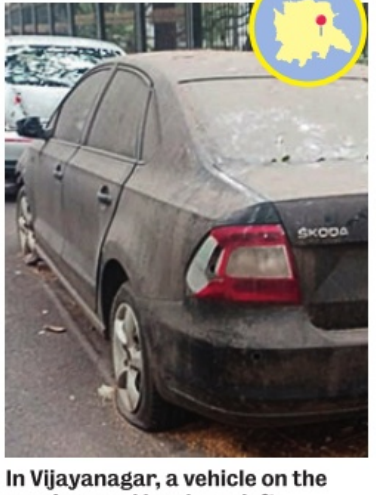
In Vijayanagar, a vehicle on the service road has been left unattended for several months, and the police have not taken any action to remove it.

'Bangalored' jobs to Bengaluru jams

From rap songs to MLA remarks, Bengaluru's traffic troubles grab centre stage; citizens want better public transport to fix the city's traffic jams

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Traffic on KR Puram Road

Earlier, when someone would use the slang 'Bangalored,' it meant that he or she lost the job or was laid off from the company as the job was moved to India. However, now, when someone uses the words 'Bengaluru' or 'Bangalore,' it has colloquially been referred to as 'traffic jams.' Over the years, Bengaluru has gained a reputation for its notorious traffic jams, sparking debates in the national media about why Bengaluru is infamous for traffic congestion.

When we go out of the city, Bengaluru is increasingly being dubbed a 'synonym' for traffic jams. In a recently aired pan-India rap competition, Shen B, a rapper from Jammu, penned lyrics and sang a line referring to traffic jams in Bengaluru. In another instance, during a film programme in Hyderabad, a local MLA, Chamakura Malla Reddy, remarked that people are reluctant to visit Bengaluru due to its infamous 'traffic jams.'

There are numerous examples where experts from various fields engage in ongoing debates to unravel the reasons behind the city's persistent traffic congestion and its sluggish pace.

There are also instances where Telangana minister KT Rama Rao is often seen taking potshots at Bengaluru's infrastructure by comparing it with rival Hyderabad. Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who had taken over as Bengaluru in charge ministry, said, "It's quite fascinating how some individuals have claimed that Mumbai's traffic is worse, and astonishingly, they even dare to mention missing flights there. But alas, these are never reported. Interestingly enough, I too have experienced missing flights in Delhi, yet it appears to be a story that goes unnoticed by the media there. However, in Bengaluru, the media plays a very proactive role in highlighting the captivating tales of people missing traffic."

Santosh Kumar, a student, said, "There is a need to push for mass transport in the city. Bengaluru is blessed to have a great city service like BMTC, and now even the Metro is increasing its footprint. On the other hand, we need to push for the early execution of suburban trains. We need to take a lot of measures by people, authorities, and even companies to promote mass transport so that people can ditch their personal vehicles and instead take up public transport, reducing the number of personal vehicles in the city and pollution."

In addition to poor infrastructure, authorities state that inadequate vehicle maintenance also contributes to traffic jams in the city

In addition to poor infrastructure, authorities state that inadequate vehicle maintenance also contributes to traffic jams in the city. Traffic police highlight frequent vehicle breakdowns on the roads, causing significant traffic disruptions. Monitoring the traffic police's social media handles reveals a common occurrence of vehicles breaking down daily in various parts of the city, resulting in traffic slowdowns.

A senior traffic police officer said, "In 2023, numerous vehicles belonging to Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), as well as private ones, are experiencing malfunctions while on the road. This results in significant traffic congestion. The occurrence of a vehicle being stranded on the road due to engine faults or other failures leads to a traffic jam increase of 30 to 50 per cent. A total of 1,478 buses, comprising 395 KSRTC buses and 327 private buses, have been stranded on roads due to malfunctions. Additionally, 716 heavy vehicles, including 695 large goods vehicles, 713 LMV cars, and 334 other vehicles had a breakdown which led to traffic jams. Our personnel did their best to remove the vehicles at the earliest and clear the traffic. However, by the time the crane is brought and the vehicle is towed, there could be traffic jams and it would require a few hours more to clear the additional traffic."

Illegal tree cutting: Palike acts

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) Forest Department has taken swift action and booked a case against a private layout in South Bengaluru for the illegal cutting of 300 trees on private land.

According to BLG Swamy, deputy conservator of forest (DCF), BBMP, a case has been registered after receiving complaints from the resident of the layout.

"We have booked a case against the on-site engineer of Casa Grand Lotus, a private layout in Anjanapura ward of RR Nagar. We received complaints from residents about the tree-felling activity inside the layout. When we inspected the site, we found that an area was cordoned off using blue sheets and as many as 300 trees have been cut without permission from BBMP. We have registered a case and looking at imposing a fine of up to Rs 25 lakh," said Swamy.

No tree can be felled on any land, whether private or government, except with permission from the tree officer

As per a High Court order passed a couple of years ago and the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976, a tree cannot be cut or damaged unless it is an imminent danger to life and property. Even the DCF cannot grant permission to cut trees unless it meets the above conditions. Any requests to axe trees are to be reviewed by the tree expert committee put in place through the High Court order.

No tree can be felled on any land, whether private or government, except with permission from the tree officer.

Amber light rules: Mixed opinions

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The Bengaluru traffic police have stated that making it mandatory for vehicles to stop before amber lights might increase congestion. A senior traffic police official mentioned, "There are no specific laws for it. Also, it might increase traffic congestion in Bengaluru if you ask drivers to stop at an amber light."

Recently, the Kolkata traffic police implemented a rule where vehicles must halt when the amber light is illuminated at a traffic signal. Bangalore Mirror consulted residents to gauge their opinions on whether a similar system could be implemented in Bengaluru.

One resident, Sunil, expressed that introducing such a system could be beneficial for pedestrians, especially in areas without foot-overbridges or subways. However, he noted concerns about potential slowdowns for vehicle commuters, suggesting a trial in less congested stretches or junctions.

Another resident opined that it will be good from the perspective of the commuter as it will give them an estimated time of when the light will turn red and help them navigate the stopping but there are also those who speed after seeing the traffic light turn amber.

"The police will have another burden of enforcement if this is implemented. They will have to ensure that people are slowing down at the light. If they use AI tools this, maybe people will take it seriously. But it will help commuters to ride or drive with caution," she said.

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Truckers' decision: New road rules not accepted

Truck owners in Karnataka to launch protest starting Jan 17; supply chain for various commodities expected to be impacted

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After protests in northern states, now it seems it's the turn of Karnataka, as truckers have called for an indefinite stir from January 17. If the protests continue as per the plan, then the supply chain is sure to be disrupted, thereby inflating the prices of many commodities.

Naveen Reddy, the President of the Federation of Karnataka Lorry Owners Associations, said, "We are launching an indefinite stir from January 17. We have taken a decision to spare essential commodities like milk, petrol, diesel, vegetables, water, medicines, and ambulances. We have requested that they adhere to their regular schedules." However, he noted that all other goods vehicles supplying items for industries, commercial goods transport, containers, sand, and construction equipment will be impacted.

Previously, numerous northern states witnessed demonstrations opposing the Bharatiya Nyay Samhita (BNS) and its modifications to penalties. According to the BNS, individuals responsible for severe road accidents due to negligent driving who then escape without notifying authorities could now potentially receive a 10-year prison sentence or a fine of Rs 7 lakh.

> **"We have taken a decision to spare essential commodities like milk, petrol, diesel, water** – Naveen Reddy

This represents a notable increase from the prior penalty of two years under the IPC. Transport associations argue that the new legislation will dissuade drivers and subject them to unfair consequences. Nevertheless, the protests were called off after the central government assured that the new law would be enforced after thorough deliberation.

Speaking of when the protest has been called elsewhere, why are transporters protesting now here? Reddy said, "I want to ask who has publicly announced reviewing the laws. I want to know whether Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced it. There are reported cases from Telangana and Bihar. I want to ask why they introduced the law without public consultation. In every hit-and-run case, the cases are filed only on huge vehicles, while small vehicles are let off. What should a truck driver do? How will he know who is coming behind and why they are overtaking from the left side?"

In most villages, many are not following traffic rules. In a democratic country, public consultation is a must. Hence, drivers will continue with the protest till an official announcement is made, he added.

Truck drivers held a protest in Mysuru against stringent provisions made in Bharatiya Nyay Samhita

DID YOU KNOW?

Russell Market in Shivajinagar is one of the oldest markets in Bengaluru. It was built in 1927 during the British period. It was inaugurated by Ismail Sait in 1933. Sait was an Indian banker who served as a member of the Madras Legislative Council. It is said that this market was named after TB Russell, who was the Municipal Commissioner at the time. One can find fresh vegetables, flowers, meat, spices, and more. The architecture of the building sets it apart in the city. It is near to places like Commercial Street, Richmond Circle, Vasanth Nagar, Queens Road, Shantinagar, Ashok Nagar, and more. It is known for its bustling surrounding and can be easily reached by bus, as it is very close to Shivajinagar bus stop.

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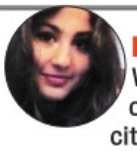
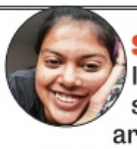
Does the Green City of India tag fit Bengaluru?



Parneet Kaur, BM Reader
While acknowledging the existence of some beautiful gardens in the city, I am unsure if the title 'Garden City of India' truly befits Bengaluru. The rapid urbanisation casts doubt on the appropriateness of this designation.



Soumya, BM Reader
I agree that Bengaluru boasts some beautiful parks and green areas, but the city faces formidable challenges due to rapid urbanisation. The juxtaposition of greenery against urban development raises concerns.

Surbhi, BM Reader
Whenever I visit Cubbon Park, I witness the active participation of people in its maintenance. The government's initiatives to preserve parks like Cubbon contribute significantly to Bengaluru's reputation as the 'Garden City of India.

Bhassita Athani, BM Reader
Expressing doubt about the city's title, I question the accuracy of calling Bengaluru the Garden City of India. The incessant construction activities raise concerns about environmental sustainability.

Shoma Chatterjee, BM Reader
I am not sure if the title fits the city, but I think the city can do much better. The government should do something to enhance greenery in every neighbourhood.

Aditya Kamble, BM Reader
Indeed, despite having traffic woes, there is an abundance of trees and green spaces. The city's Cubbon Park is an evident testament to its commitment to greenery. The park is one of India's most beautiful urban parks, featuring an impressive number of trees.

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How do you find the food culture of Bengaluru? How is it different from other places?

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Immune system & behaviour

Role of immune system in response to stimuli
Those who are allergic to seafood may feel quite ill just by smelling it, increasing their proclivity to avoid it. People who acquire food poisoning after eating a particular meal exhibit the same avoidance pattern. Scientists have long known that the immune system has a role in human sensitivity to allergens and diseases in the environment, but it was unknown whether it also played a role in producing these types of behaviours in response to allergic stimuli.

Controls defensive behaviour
According to a Yale-led study published in the journal Nature, the immune system plays a critical role in modifying our behaviour. "We find immune recognition controls behaviour, specifically defensive behaviours against toxins that are communicated first through antibodies and then to our brains," said Ruslan Medzhitov, Sterling Professor of Immunobiology at Yale School of Medicine, investigator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and senior author of the study.

Communication
Without immune system communication, the brain does not warn the body about potential dangers in the environment and does not try to avoid those threats, the study showed.

Lasts for months
A team in the Medzhitov lab, led by Esther Florsheim of Arizona State University, and Nathaniel Bachtel, a graduate student at the School of Medicine, studied mice that had been sensitised to have allergic reactions to ova, a protein found in chicken eggs. As expected, these mice tended to avoid water laced with ova, while control mice tended to prefer ova-laced water sources. The aversion to ova-laced water sources in sensitised mice lasted for months, they found. —ANI

ANDHRA SPECIAL

Spice up your life with these starters

Cooking Time: 50 mins
Serves: 3

GUNTUR CHICKEN DRY

INGREDIENTS
- 150 grams of chicken, cut into small pieces, with one compulsory leg piece
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 small tomato, finely chopped
- 1-2 Guntur red chilies paste and Guntur red chilies, slit lengthwise
- 1 teaspoon ginger-garlic paste
- 1/2 teaspoon red chili powder (adjust to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
- A small bunch of fresh coriander leaves and fresh spring onion finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons of oil, Ghee and Butter
- Salt to taste

METHOD
- **Marinate the chicken:** In a bowl, marinate the chicken with a pinch of salt, 1/4 teaspoon of red chili powder, and 1/4 teaspoon of turmeric powder. Mix well and let it sit for 15-20 minutes, then batter and half-fry in oil.
- **Heat oil:** Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a pan over medium heat.
- **Add cumin seeds:** Once the oil is hot, add cumin seeds and let them splutter.
- **Sauté onions, and Guntur red chilies paste:** Add the chopped onions and Guntur red chilies to the pan. Sauté until the onions turn golden brown.
- **Add ginger-garlic paste:** Add the ginger-garlic paste to the pan and sauté for a minute until the raw smell disappears.
- **Add tomatoes and spices:** Add the chopped tomatoes and cook until they turn soft and mushy. Then, add the remaining red chili powder, coriander powder, and garam masala. Mix well and cook for a couple of minutes.
- **Add marinated chicken:** Add the marinated chicken to the pan and mix it with the masala. Cook for 5-7 minutes on medium heat until the chicken is partially cooked.
- **Add water and cook:** Add about 1/4 cup of water to the pan, cover it with a lid, and let the chicken cook for another 10-12 minutes or until it's fully cooked, and the gravy thickens.
- **Garnish and serve:** Once the chicken is cooked, garnish with freshly chopped coriander leaves and spring onion. Remove from heat.

Cooking Time: 40 mins
Serves: 3

ANDHRA MUTTON ROAST

INGREDIENTS
- 1 kg mutton, cleaned and cut into pieces
- 2 large onions, finely sliced
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tablespoons ginger-garlic paste
- 3-4 green chilies, slit
- 1 tablespoon black pepper powder
- 1 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 2 teaspoons red chili powder (adjust to taste)
- Salt to taste
- 2 tablespoons oil
- Water

METHOD
- **Marination:** In a large bowl, marinate the mutton with ginger-garlic paste, black pepper powder, turmeric powder, red chili powder, and salt. Mix well and let it marinate for at least 30 minutes.
- **Cooking:** Heat oil in a pressure cooker or a thick-bottomed pan.
- Add the sliced onions and sauté until they turn golden brown.
- Add the marinated mutton and cook on high heat until it gets a nice brown colour.
- Adding Ingredients: Add chopped tomatoes and slit green chilies. Mix well.
- **Pressure Cooking:** If you're using a pressure cooker, add a little water (about 1/2 cup), close the lid, and pressure cook until the mutton is tender. This may take about 3-4 whistles on medium heat.
- **Water Fry:** If you're using a pan, add water gradually during the cooking process.
- The mutton will release its juices, and you can continue cooking until the mutton is tender and the water evaporates, leaving you with a thick and flavorful masala.
- **Final Touch:** Once the mutton is cooked, adjust the seasoning if needed. Sprinkle extra black pepper powder for an extra kick.
- **Serve:** Garnish with fresh coriander leaves and serve hot with steamed rice or roti or Biryanis

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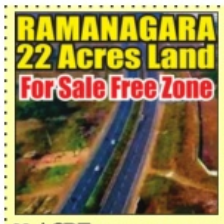

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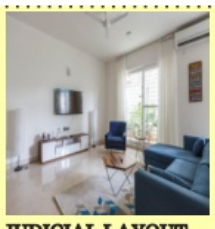

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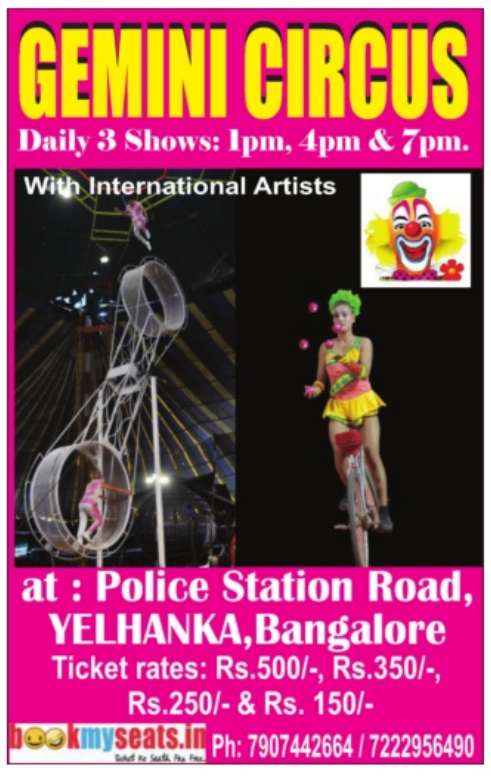

Plans afoot to amend property tax payment rules

Several appeals by citizens at grievance redressal meetings pertaining to payment point at need to tweak norms, indicates DKS

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Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday said that the government would amend laws to allow more time for payment of property tax and penalties.

Speaking to reporters after the 'Government at Your Doorstep' grievance redressal programme at RBANMS High School grounds, he said, "There are many appeals during the grievance redressal meetings requesting more time for payment of property tax and penalties. There are also many plaints seeking to ease property tax payment processes. The government would amend the rules after discussing it with the officials."

"Many people have built commercial properties in residential plots and that has attracted penalties. They have expressed the opinion that the penalties are too high and the deadlines are too short. In this backdrop, the government will look at extending the deadlines for payment of penalties and also simplifying the process," he said.

> **"There are many pleas during the grievance meets seeking time for property tax penalty payments** – DK Shivakumar

While the government will bring in reforms, it is important that people also pay taxes promptly as per the properties they own, Shivakumar added. When asked how much will the deadline be relaxed for property tax penalty payment, he said, "Notices have been served to pay up taxes and penalties within 3 to 7 days. Though the notices are as per the law, they appear to be causing a lot of pain to people. In view of this, we will discuss this with officials and make necessary amendments."

Riots case: Innocent can't be punished

When questioned about the demands of families for the release of those arrested in the KJ Halli and DJ Halli riots, he said, that all decisions have to be within the legal framework. "I can't comment on this now. As the BJP government has pressed certain specific charges, they have not been released. The guilty must be punished but the innocent must be spared. The MLAs concerned have also spoken to me about it. We will come to a decision after talking to our legal team."

A woman at the Citizens' Connect programme for residents of Shivajinagar, Hebbal and Pulakeshinagar Assembly Constituencies, held at RBANMS ground on Saturday

Additional DyCMs

Asked about the ongoing discussion about three Deputy Chief Minister positions, he replied, "It is the high command that will respond to the demands for three Deputy CMs. I won't like to answer that. The current focus is to win the Lok Sabha elections and all of us need to work to make it possible."

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ISRO takes world one step closer to understanding sun

Aditya-L1 enters final orbit; space agency chief says corrections to be made to place satellite at precise point

Soon after Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) placed the Aditya-L1 spacecraft into its final destination orbit, ISRO chief S Somanath said that the crucial mission is not just India's alone but for the entire world.

"The solar mission, Aditya-L1 is for the whole of the world, not for India alone, for all of us to understand and make use of its scientific importance," Somanath said while speaking to ANI on Saturday.

The ISRO chief said scientists had to do several corrections so that the space satellite could be placed at the precise point.

"Today's event was only placing the Aditya-L1 in the precise Halo orbit. So it was moving towards a high orbit, but we had to do a little bit of corrections to put it in the right place. So something like 31 metres per second velocity had to be given cumulatively to the satellite to keep it at the right orientation," Somanath said.

Speaking on the halo orbit, Somanath said, "The halo orbit is an orbit which moves around L1 point with a size of 6 lakh kilometer in one dimension and one lakh kilometer in another dimension. So it is like an egg. We had to place it in the new orbit. It has to be precisely put."

The ISRO Chief said that if the satellite is not correctly placed at the precise location it can escape from the point.

"If we do not make the correction today it will escape from this point. We will not allow it to escape. There are some contingencies. But mathematically it can escape. So that has been very precisely done.

My Gov India shared this picture as ISRO's maiden solar mission, Aditya-L1 enters the final manoeuvre to reach its destination and injected into its final orbit, on Saturday

Today we achieved exact placement based on our measurement and very correct prediction of velocity requirement... So right now, in our calculation, it is at the right place," Somnath said.

The ISRO chief however cautioned that his team is going to monitor it for the next few hours so check for drifts. He added that corrections may be needed if it is slightly drifted from its place.

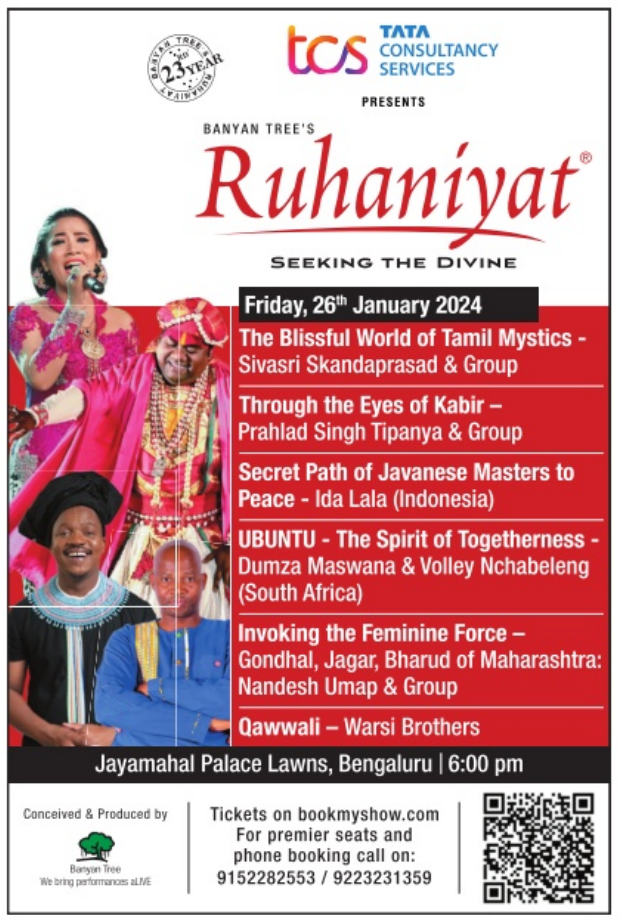
"But we are going to monitor it for the next few hours to see whether it is at the right place. Then if it is slightly drifted, we may have to do a little bit of correction. We don't expect that to happen...," Somnath said. **ANI**

Clash with cop on road puts man in soup

A 22-year-old student clashed with a police officer near the Goraguntepalya traffic signal on Wednesday.

The officer was en route to the BBMP office in her government car when the student Abhishek, who was riding a bike, lost control and collided with her vehicle.

As tensions mounted, the official, with the help of traffic police, arrested Abhishek and took him to the RMC Yard police station. The SP filed a complaint, alleging that Abhishek was obstructing a police official from discharge of duty. **BMB**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Citizens' suggestions to make school safer

A city-based consultant has started an online campaign asking that a bomb disposal squad be formed for schools in the city.

Pradeep C, senior advisor at Food Wire India, said that the recent bomb threats to schools have disturbed parents about the safety of their children. He has started the campaign on the website of the company. "Parents can visit Food Wire India's website, click on Today's Children are Strength for the national future to vote for the bomb squad," he said.

According to him, at least Rs 12 lakh to Rs 30 lakh is required to implement fire safety measures for a school under the Disaster Management Act, but the bomb disposal squad will not create much financial burden.

Welcoming the campaign for establishing bomb disposal squads for schools, Namitha AC, a parent from Yeshwanthpur whose child is a 10th grade student, suggested training for the school teachers and employees on handling emergency situations. "The school employees and teachers have to be trained on how to control and convince students during emergencies," she said.

Others added that the need of the hour is to create awareness among the students.

Pratima S, a teacher at a private school, said, "We have to conduct awareness programmes for students on the importance of informing the school administration whenever they come across strange objects on the school premises and its surroundings."

Y Maheswara Reddy

4 killed in multi-vehicle collision on highway

At least four people were killed on the spot in a road accident involving two cars and a truck on Bengaluru-Mumbai National Highway in Kundgol in Dharwad district on Saturday.

The deceased have been identified as 26-year-old Manikantha, 23-year-old Pavana, 31-year-old Chandana, all residents of Hassan, and 34-year-old Prabhu from Bengaluru.

Other four who got seriously injured have been rushed to KIMS Hospital in Hubballi city.

One of the cars was on way to Goa from Hassan while another was moving towards Shirdi from Bengaluru.

Dharwad SP Gopala Byakod has rushed to the spot. State Labour and District in-charge Minister Dharwad Santhosh Lad visited the injured at the KIMS hospital.

"After the collision of cars, the truck mowed down those standing on the roadside. The truck driver has been arrested. It is not yet known how the accident had taken place. The police are verifying whether the incident took place due to the fog," Minister Lad said.

2 killed in KSRTC buses collision

Two women were killed and more than 10 persons suffered serious injuries in head-on collision between two Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses at Madanabhavi Cross near Vijayapura city on Saturday.

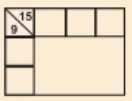
The deceased were identified as Sajeeda Begum Makandar and 31-year-old Rohini Panchala. **-Agencies**

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

0.99÷0.011 = ?

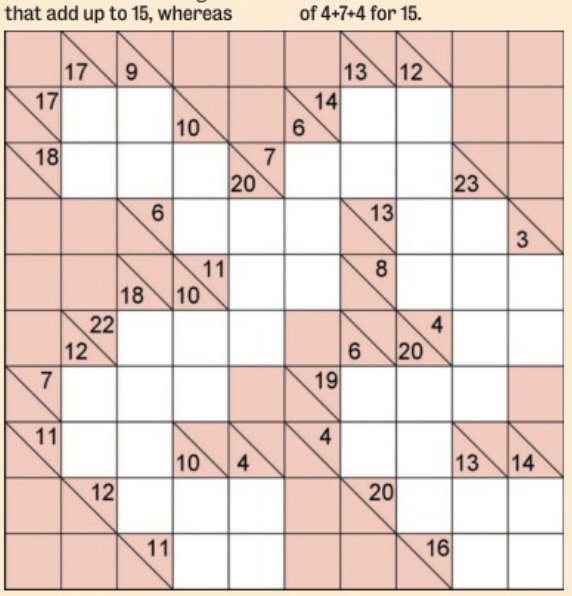
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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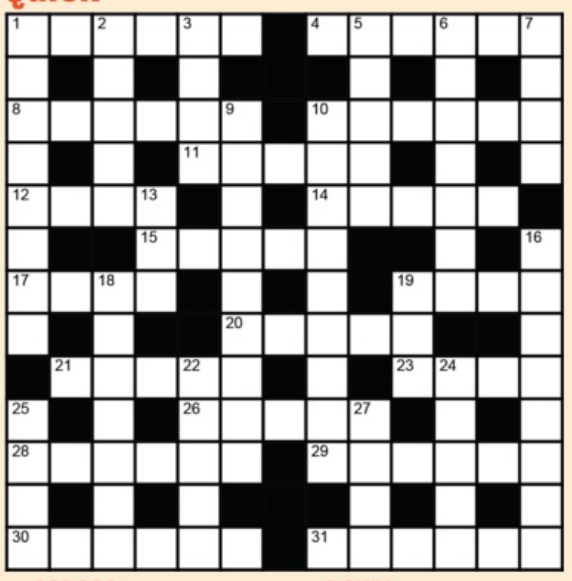


ACROSS

1 Keep in custody (6)
4 Horrifies (6)
8 Plea or petition (6)
10 Streaming as from a floodgate or watergate (6)
11 Of the fleet (5)
12 Mass of stone (4)
14 Synthetic fibre (5)
15 Small stream (5)
17 Political alliance (4)
19 Duo (4)
20 Fatuous (5)
21 Cowboy's rope (5)
23 Invitation letters (4)
26 Many (prefix) (5)
28 Courtroom excuses (6)
29 Undernourished or starving (3-3)
30 Refused to grant (6)
31 Middle Eastern country (6)

DOWN

1 Hostile rant (8)
2 Theme (5)
3 Self-confident words (1,3)
5 Tom Sawyer's aunt (5)
6 American state, capital Phoenix (7)
7 River in Hades (4)
9 Strenuous, tough or arduous (9)
10 Festival celebrated in January (9)
13 Popular TV show hosted by Big B (3)
16 Having three feet (8)
18 A speech (7)
19 For each (3)
22 Strike or hit (5)
24 Bulgarian capital (5)
25 Minstrel (4)
27 Kinds, types or sorts (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS T

KYH XVAPK LAVJWVLZH VP KYGK QMB TBPK JMK XMMZ QMBAPHZX – GJR QMB GAH KYH HGPVHPK LHAPMJ KM XMMZ.

Linemaro

Your ankles are wonderful

Mindchow

Our envy lasts longer than the happiness of those we envy

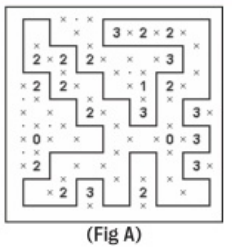
Joke of the day

I loaned a friend of mine $8,000 for plastic surgery, and now I don't know what he looks like

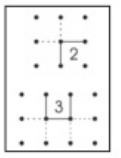
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

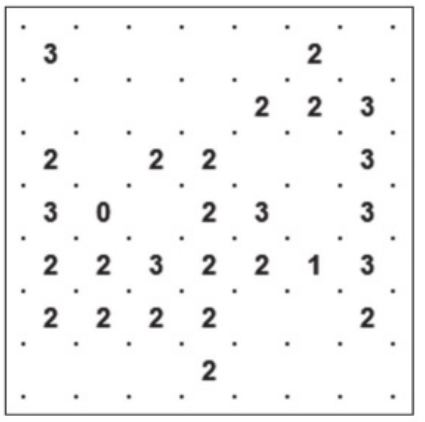


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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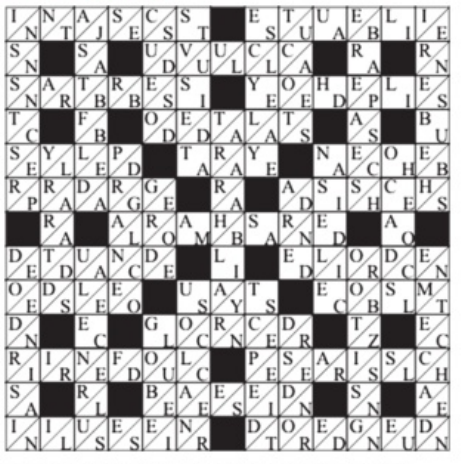
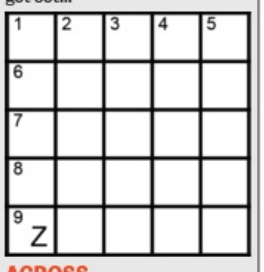


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

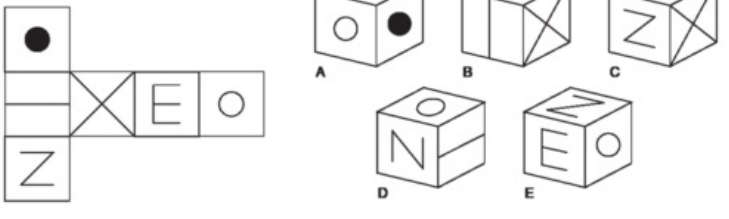
1 Astir; 6 Misto;
7 Palpi; 8 An lee;
9 Zen so

DOWN

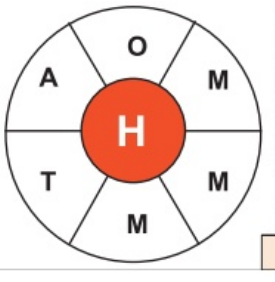
1 Zap to; 2 Naomi;
3 Re Pin; 4 Least;
5 Less I

Mensapuzzle

When the below is folded to form a cube, which is the only one of the following that can be produced?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8			7			2		
		4						7
1		9				4		
		3	2		7			5
9		7	6		5	8		2
5			3		8	9		
		1				5		8
6						1		
		8			2			9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

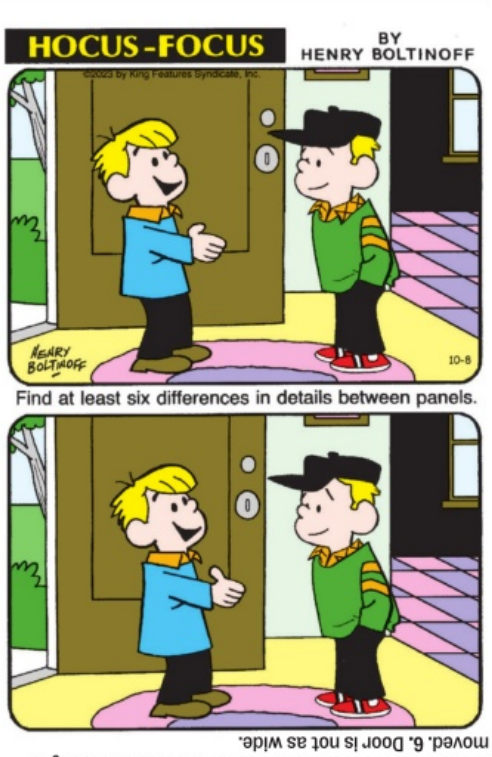
Easy = 14
4 6 8 8

Medium = 12
5 5 6 7

Hard = 10
2 4 5 2

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

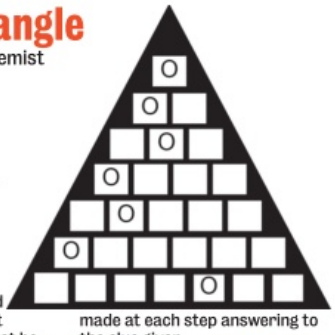
Differences: 1. Sweater is longer. 2. Cap is different. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Shirt collar is tucked in. 5. Boy is moved. 6. Door is not as wide.

Riddler

A pirate's mark upon its vessel,Perhaps it's born of mortar and pestle. A coat that sometime's worn on head, Destroyed by unicorn it's said. Breathtaking, sets your heart at ease. Romeo's method or Socrates'. What is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Oxygen for the chemist
2 _ target
3 Mafia boss
4 Chief Norse god
5 The Kiss sculptor
6 Predestine
7 Human-like robot



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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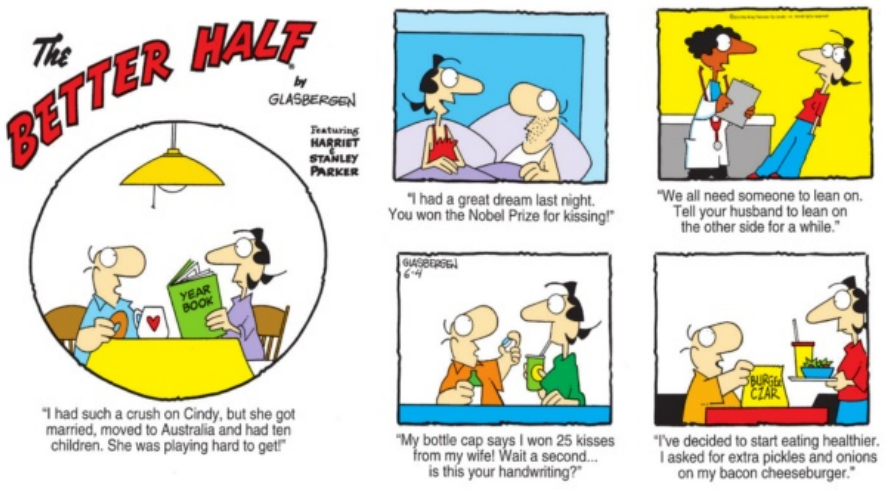
The BETTER HALF
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"I had such a crush on Cindy, but she got married, moved to Australia and had ten children. She was playing hard to get!"
"I had a great dream last night. You won the Nobel Prize for kissing!"
"We all need someone to lean on. Tell your husband to lean on the other side for a while."
GLASBERGEN 6-4
"My bottle cap says I won 25 kisses from my wife! Wait a second... is this your handwriting?"
BURGER CLAR
"I've decided to start eating healthier. I asked for extra pickles and onions on my bacon cheeseburger."

FLASH GORDON
DALE ARDEN
DR. HANS ZARKOV
STRANDED ON A HOSTILE, ALIEN PLANET.
EVERY DAY A STRUGGLE JUST TO SURVIVE.
THEIR ONLY HOPE...
...TO STAY ALIVE LONG ENOUGH TO FIND A WAY HOME.
FLASH GORDON
2-13
By JIM KEEFE
THE POWER LEVEL IS ONLY AT 68%.
IT'LL HAVE TO DO.
GET READY, THIS IS GOING TO BE CLOSE...
TOK!
FWOOM!
SHOOM!
I'D SAY THAT WAS ENOUGH JOYRIDING FOR ONE DAY...TIME TO HEAD HOME.
NEXT!
TOURNAMENT OF PEATH!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which makes you happy. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. You are polite with the people around you. You may make some difficult decisions in business with the help of your colleagues.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; it is a good day for you. You have good vitality, which you may enjoy at work or in romantic moments with your spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start some new project, and your perfection may help you design the flow chart. Job seekers will find a suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may not feel better; old health issues may arise, and it may make you upset. You may make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is advised that you should not keep money loose; otherwise, you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You are likely to have good gains in your past investments. You may be able to make quick decisions in terms of work, which may give you good gains in the near future.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy at work, but with the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you gain profits from past investments. You may enjoy your romantic moments with your spouse, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There are some gains in your business that may boost your finances.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to be converted into losses.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be enthusiastic, which may speed up your project. You may be able to make quick decisions, which will increase your business. You are likely to start a new innovation in partnership. Investments in fixed assets with the business partner are not advised.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy, and old health issues may be cured now. The amount, which was stuck somewhere, is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan to buy some stuff related to luxury.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by Jupiter, which may give you confidence. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are also decisive, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic lives. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work; your hard work may pay you now, which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with an influential person may boost your network.

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BULL'S EYE
MAMMOTH, math, moth, oath

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
A

QUOTE UNCODE
The first principle is that you must not fool yourself – and you are the easiest person to fool.

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
0, On, Don, Rodin, Odin, Ordain, Androïd.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 4 – 6 + 8 = 14
Medium
5 x 5 – 7 – 6 = 12
Hard
5 – 2 x 2 + 4 = 10

LOOP

KAKURO

FAST FIVE

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 # Actor, daughters killed in plane crash
German-born Hollywood actor Christian Oliver was killed along with his two young daughters as their small plane plummeted into the Caribbean Sea moments after takeoff, local police said

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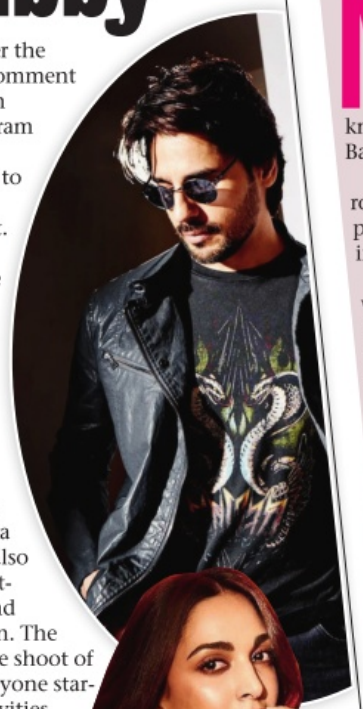
Kiara can't stop gushing over hubby



Kiara Advani is taking over the internet with her PDA comment on her husband Sidharth Malhotra's recent Instagram post.

On Saturday, Sidharth took to social media and dropped his cool pictures in a leather jacket. The 'Student of the Year' star looked extremely stylish in the jacket that he paired with a black T-shirt,black jeans and black sunglasses.

"Climate cool, jacket rule," he captioned the post.

Sidharth's pictures garnered loads of likes and comments from his fans. His wife Kiara also gushed over his look. Reacting to the post, Kiara commented, "Wowieee". She also added a smiling face with heart-shaped eyes emoji. Sidharth and Kiara tied the knot in Rajasthan. The two, who fell in love during the shoot of their film 'Shershaah', left everyone star-struck with their wedding festivities. They opted for a grand destination wedding in the Suryagarh Hotel, Jaisalmer, where their family members and only close friends were present. Meanwhile, on the work front, Sidharth will make his digital debut with the upcoming web series 'Indian Police Force'. Kiara, on the other hand, will be seen in 'Game Changer' alongside 'RRR' actor Ram Charan."

ANI

ROLE MODEL

Manoj Bajpayee on roles that excite him; on intimate scenes with Konkana in upcoming series

Manoj Bajpayee who garnered acclaim for his roles in 2023 with releases like 'Gulmohar,' 'Sirf Ek Bandaa Kafi Hai,' and 'Joram,' is poised to kick off the new year with 'Killer Soup.' The series, known for its dark allure, thrusts the spotlight on Bajpayee in a unique way.

The actor, known for seeking challenging roles, emphasized that his choices stem from personal excitement rather than a desire to impress.

Speaking about 'Killer Soup,' Bajpayee, while talking to Times Now, lauded director Abhishek Chaubey as the best contemporary director in the country, comparing him to Shekhar Kapur for providing actors ample space for innovation.

The series features Bajpayee and Konkona Sen as an immoral couple on a murderous spree.

Addressing the intimate scenes, Bajpayee said that these scenes are organic to the plot. He further said that why are we discussing kissing scenes in movies, when the world has moved to the moon!

Looking ahead, he expressed humility and shared insights into his upcoming projects, including his co-produced film 'Bhaiyyaji,'. Bajpayee encouraged audiences to raise their expectations.

—ETimes

Golden Globes prepares to toast 'Barbenheimer'

Show to be under scrutiny as it aims to bounce back from years of controversy, declining audiences

Organisers of the newly reformed Golden Globes hope that a "Barbenheimer" love-in can help to revitalise Hollywood's famously fun-loving but scandal-dogged awards gala on Sunday.

Kicking off prize-giving season from the usual swanky Beverly Hills ballroom at 5:00 pm (0100 GMT Monday), the Globes boast new owners and new voters -- and have plenty of box-office gold to toast.

The show is expected to celebrate "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer" -- two movies that wowed critics and audiences alike when they were released simultaneously last summer, and have a whopping 17 nominations between them. "They are so different than each other, yet they were both successful... We're thrilled that they're both very represented here," said this year's Globes producer Glenn Weiss.

"It's been a big reset for the Globes," he told AFP.

Greta Gerwig's "Barbie," leads the way with nine nods. It is tipped to win the Globes for best comedy film and best screenplay, and boasts three of the six contenders for best song. As the year's highest grossing movie, it is also likely to claim a newly created award for box office achievement.

Christopher Nolan's "Oppenheimer is the favorite to win awards for best drama film, best director, and best score.

Michelle Yeoh, Will Ferrell, and Angela Bassett (in pic) along with Amanda Seyfried, Julia Garner, George Lopez and Justin Hartley have been announced as presenters for this year's show.